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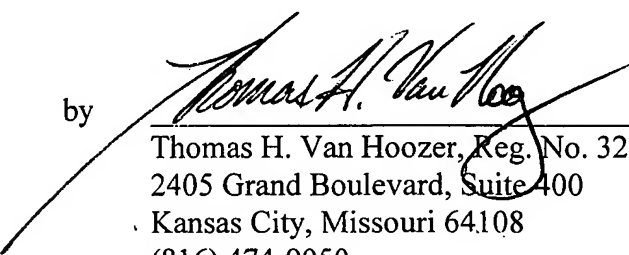
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RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S ANSWER

These remarks are filed, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 41.41, responsive to the Examiner's Answer mailed on May 5, 2005. Consideration of these remarks in conjunction with the Appeal Brief filed February 2, 2005 is respectfully requested.

Applicant's claimed invention, as most relevant to the following arguments, includes a riser 16 having a continuous and uninterrupted cylindrical riser wall 94, and a plurality of axially spaced continuous and circumscribing ribs 96 positioned radially outward of the riser wall 94, each of the ribs including a pair of substantially horizontal flanges 100, 102 connecting the ribs 96 to the riser wall 94, each of the flanges 100, 102 being complementally sized and configured for mating with the vessel rim. A circumscribing cut through one of the ribs 96 or the riser wall 94 adjacent the